GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Import of Cotton
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spinning mills in the country are importing cotton from International market in view of the steep rise in its prices in the domestic market;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any proposal to impose duty on import of cotton to protect the Indian farmers; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b): The details of cotton imported during the last three cotton years (Oct - Sept) and current cotton year are as under:-

Cotton year (1st October − 30th September)	Imports of Cotton (in Lakh Bales of 170 kgs. each)
2012-13	14.59
2013-14	11.51
2014-15	14.39
2014-15 (Oct, 2014-June, 2015)	8.75
2015-16 (Oct,2015-June, 2016)	8.03

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

(c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration at present. Above data indicate downward movement in import in recent years from the figure for 2012-13.
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